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EVERY MAN A HERO

YOU'RE CRAZY, JEFF! FORGET ABOUT ME! SAVE YOURSELF!!

CLAM UP! WE GOT HERE TOGETHER! WE'LL GET BACK TOGETHER!

TAK-A-TAK

STORIES ARE TOLD ABOUT EVERY SINGLE BATTLE EVER FOUGHT BY MARINES...SOME TRUE, SOME NOT SO TRUE! BUT ESSENTIALLY THEY'RE ALL TRUE BECAUSE WAR IN ALL ITS HORROR MAKES "EVERY MAN A HERO"!...

KA-POW!

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CHRISTMAS, 1945...

I'VE AVOIDED COMING HERE LONG ENOUGH...THERE'S NO SENSE PUTTING IT OFF ANY LONGER... THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS EVEN MARINES DON'T TRAIN YOU FOR!...

HELLO MRS. BENNETT!—I'M GIL DAVIS!

COME IN, SERGEANT...

I'VE READ SO MUCH ABOUT YOU IN JEFF'S LETTERS, I FEEL AS THOUGH WE'RE OLD FRIENDS!

JEFF SPOKE A GREAT DEAL ABOUT YOU, TOO, WE WERE BUDDIES!

I CAME TO TELL YOU ABOUT-- ABOUT....

I'M GLAD YOU CAME!

MOST FOLKS BACK HOME KNEW ABOUT MEDALS AND CITATIONS THAT WERE GIVEN OUT, AND THEY READ A LOT OF STUFF ABOUT IWO! BUT MOST OF THE STORIES WEREN'T TOLD! ALL THE LITTLE THINGS THAT MADE SO MANY HEROES...

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT DAY! I CAN SEE IT NOW AS IF IT WAS JUST HAPPENING...

"...WE WERE ALL A TIRED BUNCH OF JOES...BUT SPIRITS WERE RUNNING PRETTY HIGH! JEFF AND I WERE IN A FOXHOLE..."

THOSE CLOWNS DON'T LET UP FOR A MINUTE!

WHUP

WHUMP

THE WAY WE'VE BEEN BATTERING THEIR BRAINS IN, YOU'D THINK THEY'D HAVE HAD IT ALREADY!

I GUESS NO ONE TOLD 'EM YET!

A FEW MINUTES LATER WE GOT A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN...

OKAY GENTS! YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH LOAFIN'! THE SKIPPER SAYS WE'RE PULLIN' OUT AT 0200...!

WHAM

AND 0200 IT WAS!...

AT SUNRISE THE FIGHTING WAS STILL HOT AND HEAVY, BUT WE CONTINUOUSLY MOVED FORWARD! IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE OCCUPIED THE ISLAND, BUT THE ENEMY WASN'T GIVING UP EASILY!...

BAM BLAM BRUP BRUP POW

I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT A BULLET MARKED MADE IN JAPAN ALSO HAD MY NAME ON IT!!....

SUDDENLY!...

THANKS, PAL! I GUESS I OWE YOU ONE!

I HAVEN'T KEPT SCORE, BUT I'D SAY WE'RE ABOUT EVEN!

BLAM

A FEW HOURS LATER WE FINALLY GOT A CHANCE FOR CHOW...

I'M SO HUNGRY, THIS STUFF'S BEGINNING TO TASTE GOOD TO ME!

HERE COMES THE WAITER! ASK HIM FOR ANOTHER NAPKIN...

I HATE TO INTERRUPT YOUR DINNER, BUT I GOT A LITTLE WORK FOR YOU GUYS!

GEE, SARGE! WE THOUGHT YOU CAME FOR COFFEE AND! I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED TO BAKE THAT NICE CAKE FOR YOU!...

AWRIGHT, JOKERS! HERE'S THE PITCH!

A BUNCH OF OUR LITTLE FRIENDS ARE HOLED UP ABOUT 700 YARDS AHEAD! THEY'RE PLAYIN' TIC-TAC-TOE WITH OUR FORWARD LINE! THE CAPTAIN WANTS A RANGE FOR THE MORTAR BOYS!

AND WE'RE ELECTED!...

WELL, WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO PLAY POLO! LET'S GO!

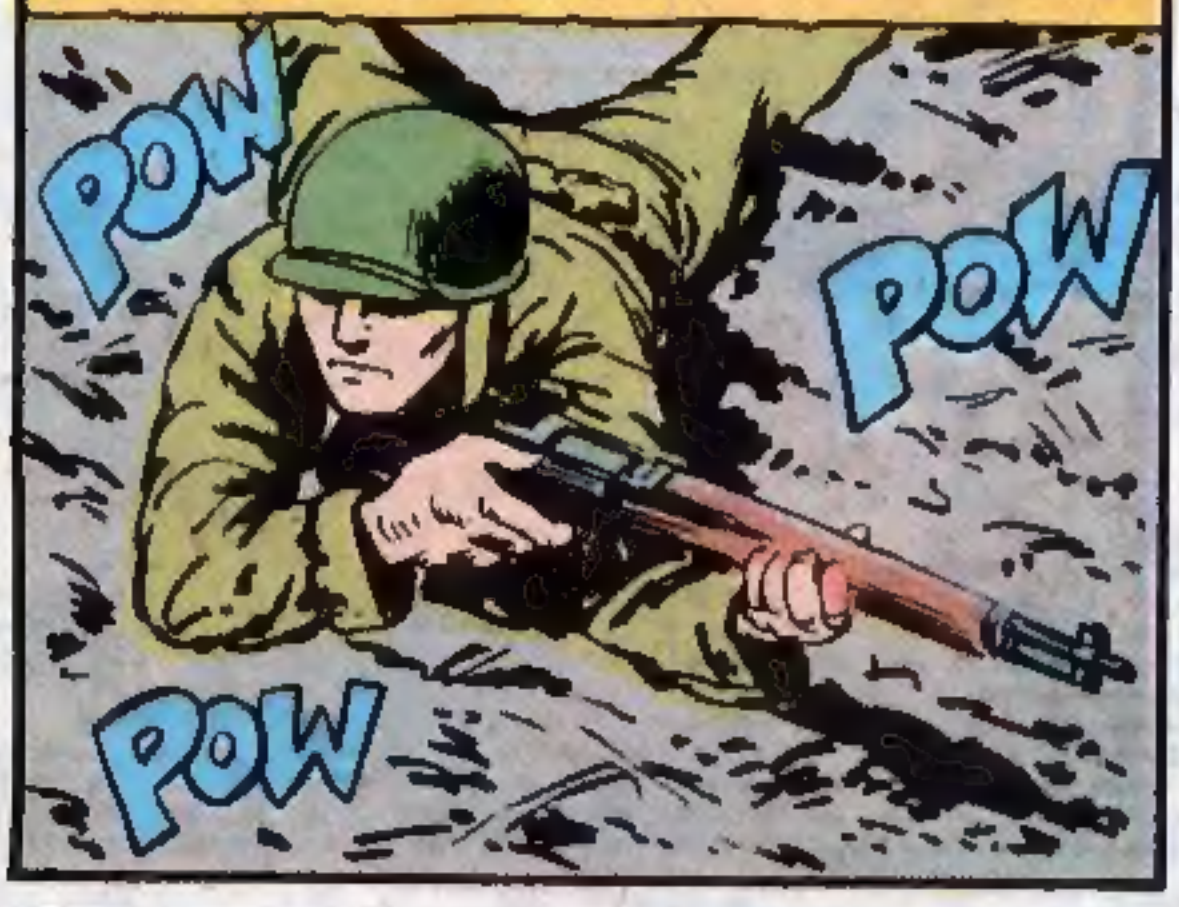
YOU'LL BE JUST INSIDE THE ENEMY LINE!! BE CAREFUL!!

TAKE THIS WITH YOU! GOOD LUCK!

SEE YOU FOR LUNCH, SARGE!..

MY HEART WAS IN MY MOUTH AS WE CRAWLED ALONG INCH BY INCH! WE WERE CLOSE ENOUGH TO TASTE THE ENEMY GUNPOWDER!...

A VOLLEY OF RIFLE SHOTS WENT OFF!.. BUT JEFF WAS OUT OF SIGHT!..I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON, BUT I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU I PRAYED LIKE NEVER BEFORE!...



THE SKIPPER SAYS HE'LL GIVE US THREE MINUTES TO GET OUT OF HERE, THEN THEY'LL OPEN UP!

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

IF WE GO BACK THE WAY WE CAME, WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF RANGE IN TIME! WE'LL HAVE TO CUT IN FRONT OF THE ENEMY AND TAKE THE CHANCE OF BEING SPOTTED!

ENEMY SOLDIERS! SHOOT-- AIEEEEE!!

WHUMP

KEEP RUNNING! DON'T STOP!

IT SEEMED AS IF THE SKY WAS RAINING BULLETS, AND ALL AIMED AT US!...

IT LOOKED LIKE THE WHOLE JAPANESE ARMY HAD CONVERGED AROUND US!.. WE DIDN'T THINK! WE JUST RAN!...

HERE'S A MESSAGE FROM UNCLE SAM, PAL!

PAK! PAK!

WE WERE JUST A COUPLE OF YARDS FROM TEMPORARY COVER AND A CHANCE TO TAKE A SHORT BREATH, WHEN I FELT AN AGONIZING PAIN IN MY LEG!...

I'M HIT!!

POW

YOUR RISING SUN JUST FELL, SNIPER!

IT'S NOT TOO BAD, BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK ON IT!

I'M ALL RIGHT TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!

WE'VE ONLY GOT A LITTLE OVER A HUNDRED YARDS TO GO! I'LL HAVE TO CARRY YOU!

DON'T BE A FOOL! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT WITH ME ON YOUR BACK! TAKE OFF BY YOURSELF!

I REALLY WANTED JEFF TO GO ON ALONE, BUT THERE WAS NO STOPPING HIM ONCE HIS MIND WAS MADE UP!..

CLAM UP! WE CAME OUT HERE TOGETHER AND WE'RE GOIN' BACK TOGETHER!

WE GOT ABOUT SEVENTY YARDS, THEN...

HOLD ON TO YOUR HAT! I'VE GOT TO CUT ACROSS A CLEARING!

GIVE THOSE MEN SOME COVER!

THE FEW SECONDS IN THE CLEARING FELT LIKE YEARS! BUT FINALLY...

I NEVER THOUGHT YOU CLOWNS WOULD MAKE IT!

WHAT CAN A GUY SAY WHEN SOMEONE SAVES HIS LIFE LIKE THAT?..MY REAL FEELINGS STUCK IN MY THROAT...

MAN, YOU'RE TOO MUCH!

THERE'S A BULLET IN HIS BACK!

JEFF!! JEFF!!

I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE MY EARS!.. IT JUST COULDN'T BE!..

I'M SORRY, CORPORAL! IT'S AMAZING HE STAYED ALIVE LONG ENOUGH TO GET YOU HERE!

NO!! NO!!

JEFF WAS ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF GREAT GUYS WE LOST AT IWO/ TO ME HE WAS THE GREATEST GUY IN THE WORLD/

MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME, BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED AND HOW I FEEL ABOUT JEFF/

I'M GLAD YOU CAME, GIL/ AND I APPRECIATE HEARING IT FROM YOU/

YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO BE PROUD OF/ HE WAS ONE IN A MILLION/

I KNOW/

I'LL BE GOING NOW/ MY FOLKS EXPECT ME FOR CHRISTMAS/

THANK YOU FOR COMING, GIL/ I'M GLAD YOU WERE JEFF'S FRIEND/

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IN MEMORY

LEAST WE FORGET

HONOR ROLL

THANKS, JEFF/

END

THE PILOT IN THE 2nd PLATOON

MORNIN', BROTHER-IN-LAW! YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME...THE CCF ARE MASSING FOR AN ATTACK! THEY'VE GOT SOME ARMOR OVER THERE...JUST BEYOND THE RIDGE! SEE WHAT YOU CAN, WILL YA, KID?

WHOOOSH

WHOOOSH

YOU KNOW ME, JOJO! I'LL CLOBBER THE BUMS!

MY BUDDY, JOJO KEENE, WAS A PLATOON LEADER WITH THE 3RD MARINE BRIGADE IN KOREA...I WAS ENGAGED TO HIS SISTER, MAGGI, BACK IN DUBUQUE, AND I MADE IT MY BUSINESS TO SPEND A LOT OF MY SPARE TIME WITH JOJO'S PLATOON EVEN WHEN THEY WERE IN THE COMBAT ZONE! IT WAS LUCK, THOUGH, THAT GOT ME ASSIGNED TO AN F4U CORSAIR, THE BEST GROUND-SUPPORT AIRCRAFT IN KOREA...EXCEPT THE SKYRAIDER AD-3S, NATURALLY! ANYHOW, I WAS ABLE TO GIVE THE 2ND PLATOON A LOT OF HELP!

BUDDA BUDDA

BAM

BLAM

POW

I KNEW EVERY MARINE IN THAT PLATOON! SO I PAID EXTRA SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE JOB AT HAND!

I SEE THE TANKS, JOJO!

THEY'VE GOT AT LEAST TEN HEAVY TANKS...ARTILLERY... AND A THOUSAND TROOPS HIDDEN DOWN HERE! NEED MORE HELP AND FAST!

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JOJO, TELL YOUR MARINES TO DIG IN AND GET READY FOR A BIG ATTACK! THE COMMIES HAVE MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND MEN AND TEN TANKS TO...NO, MAKE THAT NINE TANKS NOW!

WHOOSSH

BAM

BLANG

I WHIPPED THE STICK BACK IN MY GUT AND CLAWED UPWARD! I NEEDED TO CONTACT OTHER ELEMENTS...

CALLING ALL ALLIED AIRCRAFT IN THIS AREA! I GOT A TARGET...A MARINE PLATOON NEEDS HELP!

THIS IS BLUEBELL LEADER! SKYRAIDERS WITH NAPALM, FRAGMENTATION AND ROCKETS! WHERE ARE YOU?

BAM

YOU'RE DUE EAST OF ME AND 3,000 FEET HIGHER! DROP DOWN AND MAKE A LEFT TURN AND YOU'LL SEE ME! WANT TO FOLLOW ME DOWN AND CLOBBER THESE GUYS? THIS IS SKIPALONG FOUR!

SKIPALONG? HEY, NOW I READ YOU, HORGAN! THIS IS MAJESKI AND YOU STILL OWE ME THREE BUCKS! WE'LL LINE UP BEHIND YOU...MAKE ONE PASS TO CASE THE TARGET, THEN COME IN THE SECOND TIME ON A FIRING GUN!

GLAD YOU BOYS DECIDED TODAY WAS A NICE DAY FOR A WAR! WELCOME ABOARD, MARINES!

VVRRROOMM

THOSE SKYRAIDERS REALLY PACK A LOAD! 10,000 POUNDS OF NAPALM, ROCKETS, AND BOMBS ON EACH PLANE...PLUS TWO 20MM CANNON PER PLANE!

SEE, BROTHER-IN-LAW? DON'T EVER GET ME MAD...I GOT FRIENDS!

SO?

BAM BAM BAM

YOU GET THE MARINE AIR WING AFTER ME... I'LL GET MY SISTER TO DECLARE WAR ON YOU.....

OKAY, OKAY, I'M OUTGUNNED!

ONE HEAVY TANK LEFT! I THOUGHT YOU WENT FOR IT, BLUEBELL THREE!

ZIP ZIP ZIP

TAT TAT TA

POW POW

NEVER MIND, BLUEBELL THREE...THE 2ND PLATOON HANDLED IT!

BAM

KROOM

I STUCK AROUND, USING UP MY REMAINING AMMO AND MAKING SURE THERE WEREN'T ANY OTHER COMMUNIST SURPRISES READY TO BEFALL MY CHUMS IN JOJO'S PLATOON!

OKAY, NICK! IF YOU COME UP THIS AFTERNOON BRING ALONG SOME BUTTS FOR THE GUYS!

BUDDA BUDDA

ZONG

ZIP ZIP

LATER...

WISH YOU AND LIEUTENANT KEENE WOULD GET SPLIT UP, SIR! YOU'RE TRYIN' TO USE THAT AIRPLANE LIKE AN INFANTRY WEAPON! YOU'RE A PILOT NOT A GROUND-POUNDER!

I'M A MARINE, SERGEANT, AND SO ARE YOU! OUR PRIMARY BUSINESS IS FIGHTING THE ENEMY! GOT THE THOMPSON AND THE GRENADES IN BACK?

ALL THERE, SKIP! SAY HELLO TO THE GUYS FOR ME, WILLYA?

WITH THE JEEP LABORING UNDER A LOAD OF PX GOODIES, I HEADED FOR THE CZ...GOT UP THERE ABOUT FOUR O'CLOCK!

HAD A LETTER FROM MAGGI, NICK! SHE'S GOT ANOTHER FELLA...

SHE'D BETTER NOT HAVE, JOJO, OR YOU'LL BE SHORT AN AIR FORCE NEXT TIME YOU GET IN A JAM!

I DON'T BELIEVE WE CLOBBERED THE COMMIES THAT GOOD, JOJO! I'VE GOT A HUNCH THERE ARE A BUNCH OF THEM DUG IN OUT OF SIGHT WAITING FOR US TO GET CARELESS! MIGHT BE THEY'LL ATTACK AS SOON AS IT GETS DARK!

BONGO BEATER FROM HALF-BACK! WE MIGHT HAVE A CCF ATTACK UP HERE IN AN HOUR OR SO! CAN YOU GIVE US STAR SHELLS AND THEN A SUPPORT BARRAGE IN CASE WE CALL FOR IT?

YOU GOT IT, HALF-BACK! JUST BUZZ US... YOU'LL GET DELIVERY INSTANTLY!

I WAS RIGHT...THE CHINESE COMMUNIST FORCES TROOPS CAME OUT FROM UNDER THE ROCKS OR WHEREVER THEY HIDE AND IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR OUR OUTPOST, WE'D'VE BEEN OVERRUN!

CCF ATTACK!

BUDDA BUDDA

OUR PLATOON HAD ITS WARNING...AND JOJO HAD HIS CHANCE TO CALL TO MARINE ARTILLERY FOR SUPPORTING FIRE!

PULL OUT, YOU NUT! GET GOING...IT ISN'T YOUR JOB TO BE HERE NOW!

WE'LL ARGUE THAT LATER, KID! HERE THEY COME!

POW POW POW

POW

WUP

BUDDA BUDDA

BLAM

THEN...SILENCE!

YOU KNOW... YOU'LL MAKE ONE HECK OF A COMBAT MAN SOME DAY... IF YOU HANG AROUND THE 2ND PLATOON!

IT'S KINDA NICE HAVIN' MY OWN PRIVATE AIR FORCE!

I'D BETTER GET BACK, THE C.O.'S BEEN ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE I'VE BEEN LATELY! I THINK HE THINKS I'M GOING OUT WITH DAMES!

END

TRAINING CAMP

AWRIGHT, YOU MONKEYS!! LET'S GET THE LEAD OUT!! LEFT!...LEFT! ..LEFT...

HIT IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT, BOY!

USMC

MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO LET UP ON 'EM, SARGE! YOU'LL BREAK THESE GUYS!

BETTER ME THAN A ENEMY BULLET, CORPORAL!

USMC

THAT'S NOT A TARGET OUT THERE, SON! THAT'S THE ENEMY! IF YOU MISS THE FIRST ONE, YOU MIGHT NOT GET ANOTHER CHANCE...!

A FEW WEEKS LATER THE RECRUITS MET THE REASON FOR THEIR INTENSIVE TRAINING!...

YOU CAME THROUGH IT OKAY! NOW YOU CAN CALL YOURSELVES MARINES!

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END

AMONG THE HEROES OF ANY WAR IS THE MAN WHO FIGHTS HIS BATTLES WITH NO GUN NO WEAPON/...ONLY THE RED AND WHITE INSIGNIA ON HIS ARM PROTECTS HIM. .EVERY SOLDIER IS FAMILIAR WITH THE DESPERATE CRY...

THE CORPSMAN

CORPSMAN.../
CORPSMAN.../!!

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MAN/ IT HURTS SOMETHIN' AWFUL/

TAKE IT EASY, PAL/ YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IN A FEW SECONDS/

IT MAY BE SUICIDE TO TRY GETTING HIM BACK TO THE LINE, BUT I SURE CAN'T LEAVE HIM HERE/

BEOOW

ZIP

CARING ONLY FOR THE WOUNDED MAN'S LIFE, CORPSMAN MIKE CHASE RAN DARINGLY THROUGH ENEMY FIRE TOWARDS HIS OWN LINES...'

ZIP
TSZING
WIP

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE! YOU'D BETTER GET MOVING! THERE'S A LOT MORE OUT THERE!

YES, SIR!

HOUR AFTER HOUR!...DAY AND NIGHT! ..CHASE AND THE OTHER CORPSMEN WORKED DESPERATELY TO GIVE AID TO THE WOUNDED MEN!

THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!

THEY'RE ALL TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT, PAL!

WHUP

THE EVER-SO-BRIEF MOMENTS OF LULL WERE PUT TO GOOD USE...

CORPSMAN...!

I WASN'T IN THE MOOD FOR STEAK ANYWAY!

I THINK IT'S BUSTED! YOU'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE HOSPITAL TENT!

WITH ALL THAT FIRE UPSTAIRS, YOU'LL HAVE TO CRAWL MOST OF THE WAY!

ARE YOU CRAZY? HOW AM I GONNA CRAWL WITH A BUSTED ARM?

YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE! DON'T PANIC! I'LL HELP YOU MAKE IT BACK!

ZIP

ZING

ZIP

NOT MUCH FURTHER! KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN!

WE'RE OUT OF RANGE NOW! YOU CAN MAKE IT THE REST OF THE WAY ON YOUR HEELS!

THANKS, BUDDY! I COULDN'T OF DONE IT WITHOUT YOU...

CORPSMAN!...

THERE GOES A GUY THIS WAR COULDN'T BE WON WITHOUT...

END

THE LONER

YOU TOOK THREE OF MY BROTHERS! NOW YOU CAN TAKE SOME-THIN' FROM ME!

SAIPAN IN JUNE OF 1944 WAS A PLACE WHERE ONLY THE STRONGEST AND LUCKIEST OF MEN COULD STAY ALIVE! IT MEANT COOPERATION AND TEAMWORK FOR EVERY LAST MARINE ON THE ISLAND! BUT THE TEAMWORK WAS A WORD FOREIGN TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE LONER...

BLAM

S.J.G

A-3680

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, MARTIN? I TOLD YOU TO HOLD FIRE UNTIL I GAVE THE SIGNAL!

SORRY, SIR!

SORRY ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH, CORPORAL! YOU COULD HAVE SNAFU'D THE OPERATION!

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THAT BOY, SERGEANT!

HE'S A GOOD MARINE, SIR...

THREE OF HIS BROTHERS WERE KILLED IN ACTION EARLIER THIS YEAR, CAPTAIN! SINCE THEN HE'S BEEN A LONER! SOME GUYS GET LIKE THAT!

I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT HIS BROTHERS, SERGEANT, BUT THIS ISN'T A ONE-MAN WAR! THERE'S NO ROOM FOR LONERS IN THE CORPS! HE'D BETTER LEARN THE MEANING OF TEAMWORK! AND FAST! I WON'T TOLERATE ONE MAN JEOPORDIZING THE ENTIRE UNIT! NOW LET'S CLEAN UP THIS PLACE, AND GET GOING!

I'LL SPEAK TO HIM, SIR! IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

MAKE SURE HE UNDERSTANDS THOROUGHLY, SERGEANT!

I SPOKE TO MARTIN ABOUT THIS BEFORE AND IT DIDN'T DO ANY GOOD...IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD THIS TIME EITHER.. SOME GUYS ARE JUST LONERS, AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT...!

THE SKIPPER IS PRETTY SORE ABOUT THAT STUNT YOU PULLED BEFORE! YOU CAN'T WIN ALL ALONE, YOU KNOW!

I CAN TRY, SARGE!

ANYWAY, WHAT'S THE OLD MAN SORE ABOUT? I HIT MY TARGET, DIDN'T I?

TRY TO GET IT THROUGH YOUR THICK SKULL: IN THE MARINES WE WORK TOGETHER, NOT ALONE!

THAT'S THE SYSTEM! IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, YOU'D BETTER REQUEST A TRANSFER! NOW LET'S GO! WE'RE MOVIN' OUT!

OKAY, SARGE!

THE NEXT DAY FOUND THE UNIT EMBROILED IN A BITTER BATTLE...THE ENEMY HAD MADE A COUNTER ATTACK, AND THINGS WERE GETTING HOTTER ON SAIPAN...!

BLAM

WHAM

BAM

WE'RE IN A JAM, BRADY! HQ SAYS WE'RE SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES! WE'LL HAVE TO PULL BACK! SET UP A QUICK RETREAT!

YES, SIR!

WHAT'S THE SCOOP, SARGE?

BAM BAM

BLAM

WE'RE MOVIN' BACK! AND FAST!

VWHUP

I WANT YOU GUYS TO ACT AS REAR COVER! AND MARTIN, I MEAN ALL OF YOU!

I GET THE MESSAGE, SARGE!

BAM

A SHORT TIME LATER THE THREE MARINES TOOK COVER AND BEGAN A CONTINUOUS FIRE TO COVER THE RETREAT...

KEEP FIRING! DON'T LET UP FOR A MINUTE! WE GOT TO MAKE THE ENEMY THINK THE UNIT IS STILL HOLED UP HERE!

POW

PS

MOVE AROUND SOME! WE DON'T WANT THEM TO SEE THE FIRE COMING FROM THE SAME PLACE ALL THE TIME!

WHAT'S THAT?

WOW! THEY MUST BE WISE TO THE RETREAT! THEY'RE SENDING UP A TANK!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, CORPORAL?

I DON'T KNOW! BUT WE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! IF THAT TANK CATCHES UP WITH THE UNIT, IT'LL BLAST 'EM OFF THE ISLAND...

YOU GUYS TRY TO CATCH UP WITH THE REST OF THE UNIT! GIVE THE SKIPPER THE TANK'S POSITION! I'M GONNA TRY TO SLOW IT UP AS MUCH AS I CAN!

I DON'T ENVY YOU, CORPORAL! GOOD LUCK!

THIS WON'T HURT 'EM ANY, BUT IT'LL MAKE 'EM STOP AND THINK! MAYBE STOP JUST LONG ENOUGH...

BAM

SURPRISED BY THE GRENADES, THE TANK STOPPED ITS FORWARD PROGRESS JUST LONG ENOUGH...A MOMENT LATER A MORTAR SHELL ZEROED IN ON TARGET.../

THAT'S SHOOTIN', BABY!

BLAM

WHAM

SURPRISE, BOYS! YOU'VE GOT A WELCOMING COMMITTEE...!

POW POW POW POW POW

SOON AFTER-WARD...

YOU DID A TRE-MENDOUS JOB, CORPORAL--BETTER MAKE THAT SER-GEANT! YOU DE-SERVE IT!

THANK YOU, SIR! NOW I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT BY TEAMWORK! I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT ALONE...

END